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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Room TW-A325 Washington, D.C. 20554 Ex Parte Submission

Re: Amendment of Parts 1 and 22 of the Commission's Rules with Regard to the Cellular Service, Including Changes in Licensing of Unserved Areas, WT Docket No. 12-40; Expanding Access to Mobile Wireless Service Onboard Aircraft, WT Docket No. 13-301

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, November 13, 2017, Art Pregler, Kimberly Darrin, Colleen Thompson and by telephone, Robert Vitanza, Greg Belaus and Mike Roden with AT&T met with Tim Maguire, Roger Noel, Linda Chang, Aalok Mehta, Tyler Park with the Wireless Bureau, Brian Butler, Ronald Repasi, Michael Ha with the OET, Jane Kelly and by telephone, Emil Cherian, with the Public Safety Bureau to discuss AT&T's drone program.

During the discussion, FCC staff inquired about the airborne restriction in the 850 MHz band in Commission rule section 22.925. Consistent with AT&T's prior comments filed in WT Docket 12-40, AT&T supports lifting the airborne restriction to facilitate better testing of network performance and enhance our ability to restore communications after a natural disaster. AT&T also observed that removing the 850 MHz band airborne restriction would also promote the development of new technologies by allowing providers to use chipsets that are used for terrestrial applications.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, an electronic copy of this letter is being filed for inclusion in this docket.

Sincerely,

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